

DESCRIPTIONS OF THE EGGS OF THREE SPECIES OF
SEA-BIRDS FROM LORD HOWE'S ISLAND.

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ONYCHOPRION FULIGINOSA, *Gmelin*.

Eggs of a dull white, varying greatly in their markings, some finely dotted, others strongly marked with spots and dots of reddish-brown or brownish-red; sparingly sprinkled in large spots or thickly and closely marked with freckle and dots, in some evenly all over the surface, in others forming a zone near the larger end where they are mixed with obsolete spots of slate, which are confluent with black irregular markings or large purplish smears and blotches; in some rich red spots are alone found, in others blotches and confluent spots are predominant at the thicker end, or the whole surface is evenly freckled and dotted with reddish-brown and pale slate or lilac.

Hab.—Admiralty Islets.

Length (a),	2.1 × 1.42 inches.	Length (e),	2.15 × 1.42 inches.
„ (b),	2.01 × 1.43 „	„ (f),	2.25 × 1.42 „
„ (c),	1.95 × 1.42 „	„ (g),	2.07 × 1.45 „
„ (d),	2.01 × 1.42 „	„ (h),	1.9 × 1.5 „

ANOUS CINEREUS, *Gould*.

Ground color of the egg dull white, sparingly marked with light brown, light and dull reddish-brown, and a few slate-colored spots and dots, very few of which are confluent; average specimens measure (a) 1.67 inches × 1.16; (b) 1.63 × 1.2 inches. Nests placed under projecting ledges of rock, on faces of perpendicular cliffs. Found breeding during September and October.

SULA CYANOPS, *Sundevall*.

Eggs of a light bluish white or dull white, stained with blackish or reddish-brown smears, hair-lines and spots; when first laid apparently milk-white, shell rough, very limy, inner shell beneath the limy surface bluish white. Length, (*a*) 2.65 inches \times 1.8 inches; (*b*) 2.58 inches \times 1.8 inches, (*c*) 2.6 inches \times 1.9 inches; (*d*) 1.56 inches \times 1.83 inches.

Found on the Admiralty Islets.

The specimens here described were obtained by Mr. Etheridge and two of the employés of the Australian Museum, Messrs. Thorpe and Whitelegge, during a recent excursion to Lord Howe's Island whilst investigating the zoology of that interesting region. Details of their explorations will be found in future reports on the excursion.